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BEN 10 ALIEN FORCE CREATED BY MAN OF ACTION
HMM... I CAN OFFER YOU...
...FIVE BUCKS.
COMIC KON
FIVE BUCKS? FOR A COMPLETE SET OF SUMO SLAMMER ACTION FIGURES? IN MINT CONDITION?
OKAY, FIVE BUCKS... AND FIFTY CENTS.
FINE. WHATEVER...
PLEASURE DOING BUSINESS, BEN!
WHOOMP
OOF. SORRY, DUDE.
HEY, GREAT COSTUME! MUST'VE TAKEN YOU FOREVER!
VROOOMMMM
COMIC KON
TARGET ACQUIRED.
HEY! LET GO...
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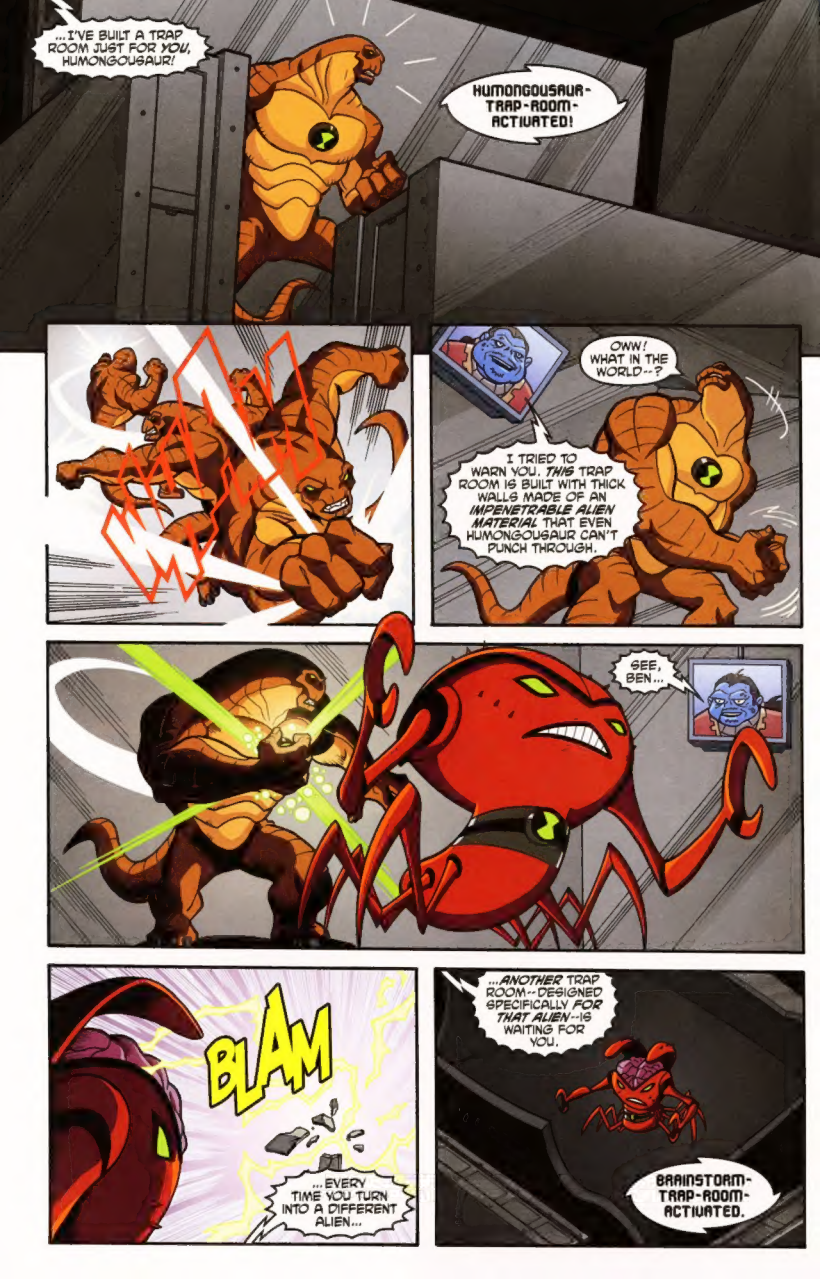
VROOOOMMMM
...OF ME!
WHOA! WHERE AM I?
YOU'RE ON MY SHIP!
WHO--?
GREETINGS, BEN TENNYSON. I AM THE COLLECTOR.
UH, HI. WHAT DO YOU COLLECT?
FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK. SOME COLLECT RARE WORKS OF ART.
OTHERS COLLECT VINTAGE ADVENTURE DOLLS.
YOU MEAN ACTION FIGURES.
YES! ACTION FIGURES. WELL, I COLLECT REAL-LIFE "ACTION FIGURES."
I COLLECT HEROES.
COME AGAIN?
TAP
AND MY MOST RECENT ACQUISITION...

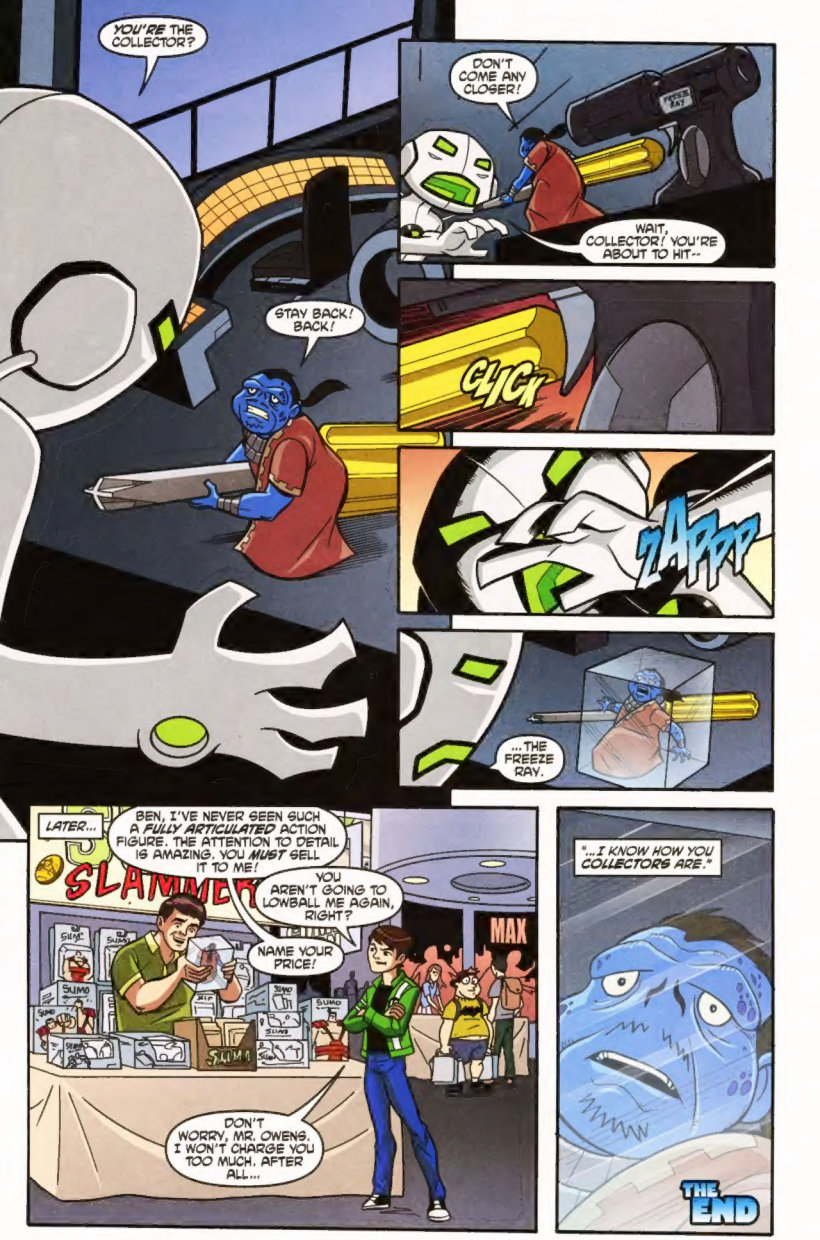
...IS YOU!
WHAT--?
YOU REALLY PICKED THE WRONG GUY TO MESS WITH, COLLECTOR. WHEN I BREAK OUT OF HERE--
BUT THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF IT, BEN. YOU *WON'T* BREAK OUT OF HERE!
OH, YEAH? TELL THAT TO...
WHAM
...HUMONGOUSAUR!
IS THAT ALL YOU GOT?
OH, I'M SO GLAD YOU ASKED! BECAUSE...

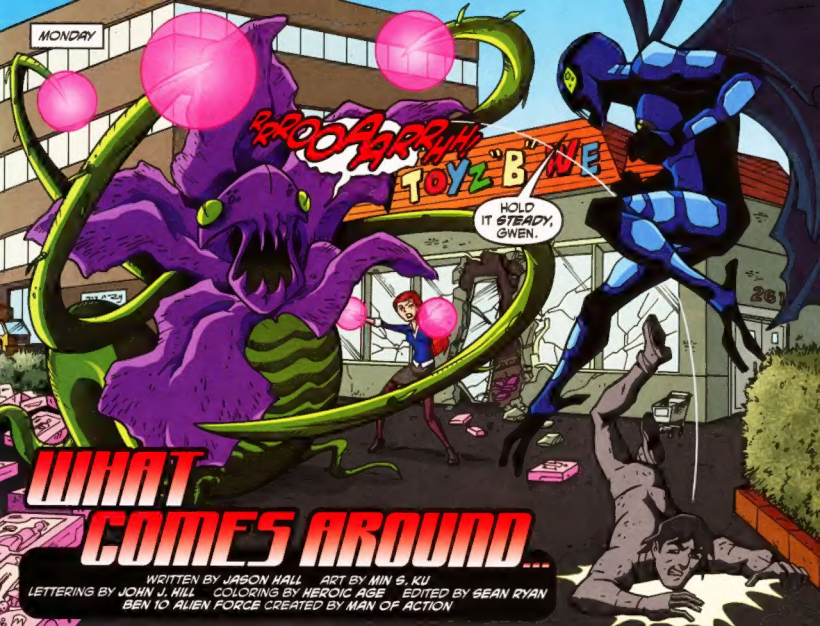

...I'VE BUILT A TRAP ROOM JUST FOR YOU, HUMONGOUSAUR!
HUMONGOUSAUR-TRAP-ROOM-ACTIVATED!
OWW! WHAT IN THE WORLD--?
I TRIED TO WARN YOU. THIS TRAP ROOM IS BUILT WITH THICK WALLS MADE OF AN IMPENETRABLE ALIEN MATERIAL THAT EVEN HUMONGOUSAUR CAN'T PUNCH THROUGH.
SEE, BEN...
BLAM
... EVERY TIME YOU TURN INTO A DIFFERENT ALIEN...
...ANOTHER TRAP ROOM--DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT ALIEN--IS WAITING FOR YOU.
BRAINSTORM-TRAP-ROOM-ACTIVATED.

HMM... IT APPEARS THAT I CANNOT USE MY ELECTRICAL BOLTS TO ESCAPE FROM THIS CUSTOMIZED PRISON!
NO USE STRUGGLING, BEN! THIS TRAP ROOM HAS RUBBER WALLS DESIGNED TO BLOCK BRAINSTORM'S ELECTRICAL JOLTS!
I CANNOT PREVAIL IN THIS SITUATION, THE COLLECTOR IS ONE STEP AHEAD OF ME EVERY TIME!
WAIT A MOMENT! IF THIS TRAP ROOM IS INTENDED TO KEEP BRAINSTORM IN CAPTIVITY...
BOUNCE
BRAINSTORM-TRAP-ROOM-DEACTIVATING...
SPIDERMONKEY-TRAP-ROOM-ACTIVATED.
... AND IF THIS TRAP ROOM IS DESIGNED TO KEEP SPIDERMONKEY IN CHECK...
SQUEEEEEAK
...THEN I KNOW JUST WHAT TO DO!
SPIDERMONKEY-TRAP-ROOM-DEACTIVATED.

OH, TSK TSK! BACK TO JUST PLAIN OLD BEN TENNYSON, ARE WE? YOU'VE GIVEN UP THAT EASILY?
BEN-TRAP-ROOM-ACTIVATED.
DON'T BLAME YOURSELF. YOU FOUGHT A VALIANT FIGHT.
THINK SO, EH? WELL, MAYBE...
...THE FIGHT'S NOT OVER!
BIG-CHILL-TRAP-ROOM-ACTIVAT--
--ERROR! SUBJECT-TRANSFORMING-TOO-QUICKLY.
ABANDON-BIG-CHILL-TRAP-ROOM. INSTEAD-ADAPT-TO-GOOP-TRAP-ROOM...
WHAT-- WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU'RE CHANGING TOO FAST!
GOOP-TRAP-ROOM DISASSEMBLE-- BZZT BZZT--ERROR! ERROR! ADAPT-TO-JETRAY-TRAP-ROOM...BZZT BZZT! ERROR! ERROR!
STOP!
INITIATE... TRAP-ROOM-FOR-BRAINSTORM... NO! HUMONGOUSAUR... NO! ERROR! ERROR! BZZT! ERR--
YOU'RE OVERLOADING MY CENTRAL COMPUTERS! THE TRAP ROOMS ARE GOING TO... TO...

WHEW. GUESS SOME TRAPS JUST WEREN'T MADE TO HOLD ME.
BEN TENNYSON...
...YOU'VE DESTROYED MY TRAP ROOMS!
YEAH, I DID. AND NOW, COLLECTOR...
...I'M GOING TO "COLLECT" YOU!
ECHO, ECHO!
COME OUT, COME OUT, WHEREVER YOU ARE,
COLLECTOR!
YOU SHALL NOT PASS-- BZZT!
URK! NO... DISASSEMBLE...
OH, YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING ME...


YOU'RE THE COLLECTOR?
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
FREEZE RAY
WAIT, COLLECTOR! YOU'RE ABOUT TO HIT--
STAY BACK! BACK!
CLICK
ZAPPP
...THE FREEZE RAY.
LATER...
BEN, I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A FULLY ARTICULATED ACTION FIGURE. THE ATTENTION TO DETAIL IS AMAZING. YOU MUST SELL IT TO ME!
SLAMMER
YOU AREN'T GOING TO LOWBALL ME AGAIN, RIGHT?
NAME YOUR PRICE!
MAX
DON'T WORRY, MR. OWENS. I WON'T CHARGE YOU TOO MUCH. AFTER ALL...
"...I KNOW HOW YOU COLLECTORS ARE."
THE END



WHAT COMES AROUND...

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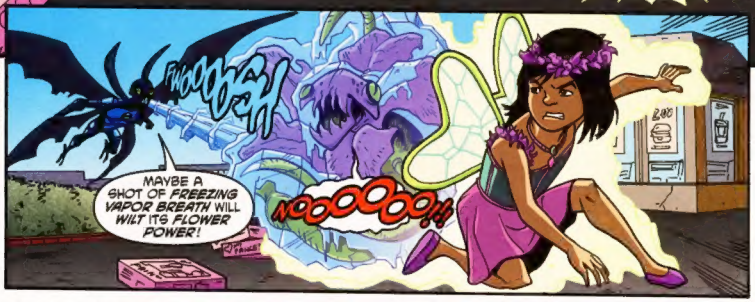
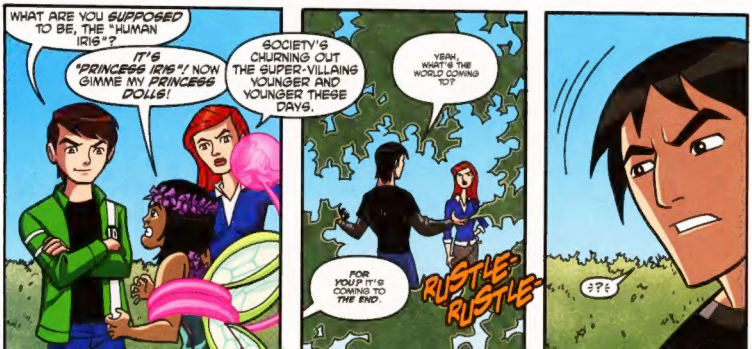
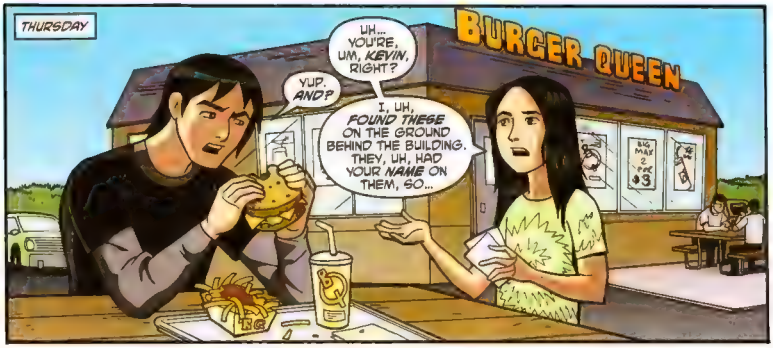



WHAT ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE, THE "HUMAN IRIS"?
IT'S "PRINCESS IRIS"! NOW GIMME MY PRINCESS DOLLS!
SOCIETY'S CHURNING OUT THE SUPER-VILLAINS YOUNGER AND YOUNGER THESE DAYS.
YEAH, WHAT'S THE WORLD COMING TO?
FOR YOU? IT'S COMING TO THE END.
RUSTLE-RUSTLE-
...?!?

TUESDAY
SO WHAT IS IT YOU WANTED TO SHOW ME OUT HERE EXACTLY...?
WELL, YOU SEE, I THOUGHT MAYBE...
OH, SHUT UP AND--
SNAP
HUH?
DID YOU HEAR THAT? I SWEAR SOMEONE'S BEEN WATCHING ME...
UH-HUH. SIGH: REAL ROMANTIC.
I'M GOING HOME...
WEDNESDAY
HEY, BEN--YOU EVER GET THE FEELING THAT YOU'RE BEING WATCHED?
NOT REALLY. BUT, THEN AGAIN, I DON'T HAVE A PAROLE OFFICER.
FUNNY. DON'T TOUCH MY CAR.
YOU KNOW, I COULD SAY THE SAME THING ABOUT MY COUSIN.
KEVIN LEVIN
UH-HUH. BUT I WON'T BE SAYING IT ABOUT MY FIST.
BEN TENNYSON FRIEND
SOON, YOU WILL FEEL THE LOSS THAT I HAVE.


THURSDAY
BURGER QUEEN
UH... YOU'RE, UM, KEVIN, RIGHT?
YUP. AND?
I, UH, FOUND THESE ON THE GROUND BEHIND THE BUILDING. THEY, UH, HAD YOUR NAME ON THEM, SO...

LEMME SEE THOSE...

I DIDN'T WRITE THESE...
Gwen -- Meet me behind the burger. It's important -- Kevin
Ben -- Meet me behind the burger. It's important -- Kevin

OH, NO... I KNEW IT! SOMEONE HAS BEEN SPYING ON US!

DID YOU FIND ANYTHING ELSE HERE?

JUST THIS.
HAPPY FUN-TIME OUT
LILY CONSTRUCTION

REAL SUBTLE CLUE, WHOEVER YOU ARE...
GWEN! BEN!
I'LL GET YOU OUT--AAARR-GGHHH!
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?!
I AM THE BEING WHO IS GOING TO DESTROY YOUR LIFE.
THE ONE WHO'S LIFE YOU DESTROYED!

"IT WAS YOU WHO SOLD WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION TO THE CAROITES--THE MORTAL ENEMIES OF MY PEOPLE, THE MOLAROMITES.
"WITH YOUR WEAPONS, THEY KILLED THOUSANDS OF MY PEOPLE--
"--INCLUDING MY WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN.
"I DEALT WITH THOSE WHO COMMITTED THE VILE ACT..."

... AND NOW IT IS TIME TO DEAL WITH THE ONE WHO SUPPLIED THEM WITH THEIR MEANS OF DESTRUCTION.
YOU OBVIOUSLY HAVE NO REGARD FOR INNOCENTS--- BUT I DON'T PLAN ON KILLING YOU. INSTEAD, YOU WILL SUFFER MY FATE...
WHEN I DO AWAY WITH THOSE WHO MEAN THE MOST TO YOU!
I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, OOMPA-LOOMPA...
I DON'T NEED WEAPONS ANYMORE. I AM A WEAPON.
AND THOSE ARE MY FRIENDS!
KA ZZA AAAP

WHAT ARE THESE CREATURES?
THESE ARE OUR ENEMIES. YOU'VE GOT THE CAROTIDS-- WE'VE GOT THE DNALIENS!
JUST LIKE THEM TO KICK US WHILE WE'RE DOWN.
OH, NO...
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S WHAT WE CALL AN "INNOCENT BYSTANDER." THEY'RE LIKE BAD PENNIES!
YOU GO FREE BEN AND GWEN, I'LL PROTECT THE KID!
WHOA! IS THIS PLACE OPEN ALREADY?
LOOK OUT, YOU DOPE-- DAAAGGH!!!
KEVIN!

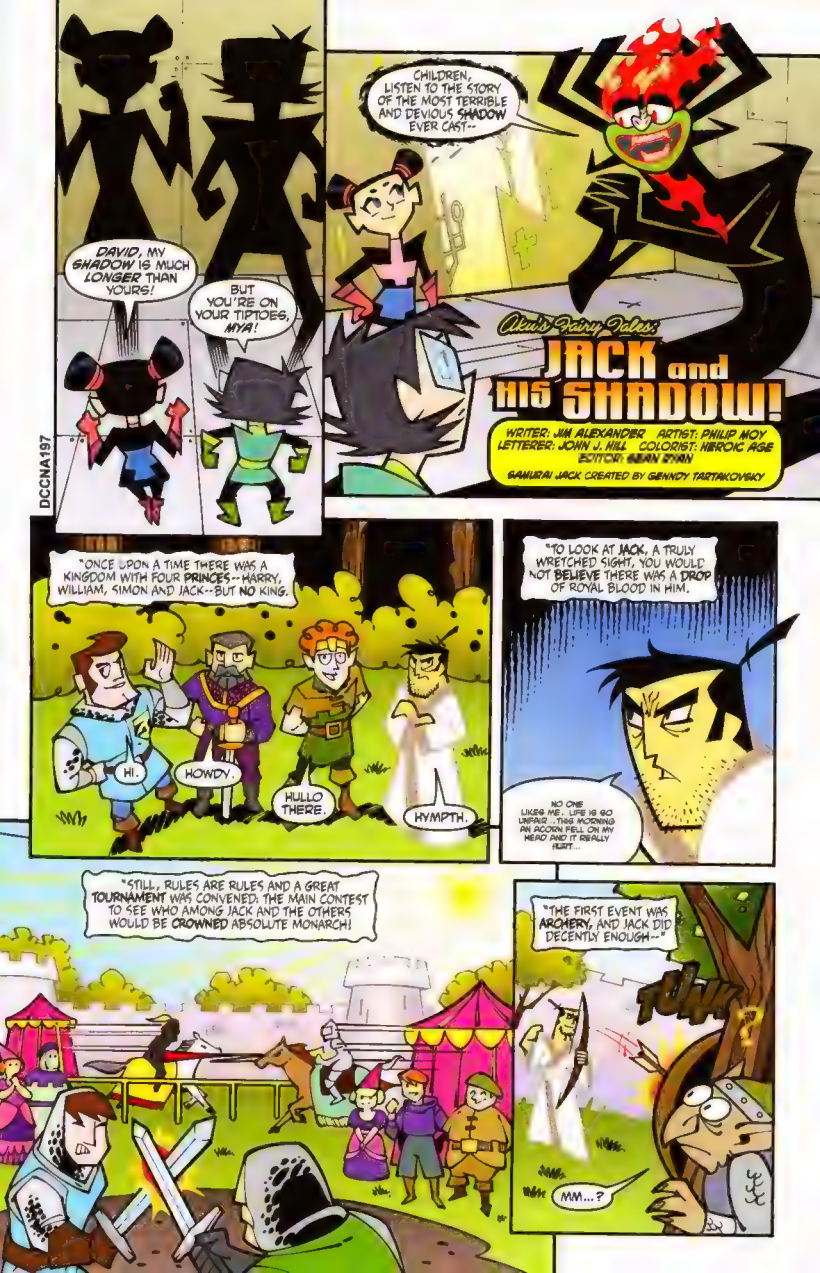
GO AHEAD AND SAY IT...
GLADLY.
IT'S HERO TIME!

GOOD OL' GRADE-A STEEL.
BUT THAT KID GETS AN "F" IN THE "SAYING THANK YOU" DEPARTMENT.

YOU HAVE OBVIOUSLY CHANGED.
IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.

MY LIFE HAS BEEN FUELED MERELY BY ANGER AND REVENGE.
PERHAPS IT IS TIME I CHANGE AS WELL.

WELCOME TO THE CLUB.
THE END


CHILDREN, LISTEN TO THE STORY OF THE MOST TERRIBLE AND DEVIOUS SHADOW EVER CAST--
DAVID, MY SHADOW IS MUCH LONGER THAN YOURS!
BUT YOU'RE ON YOUR TIPTOES, MYA!
Aku's Fairy Tales:
JACK and HIS SHADOW!
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LETTERER: JOHN J. HILL COLORIST: HEROIC AGE
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SAMURAI JACK CREATED BY GENNDY TARTAKOVSKY
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"ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A KINGDOM WITH FOUR PRINCES--HARRY, WILLIAM, SIMON AND JACK--BUT NO KING.
HI.
HOWDY.
HULLO THERE.
HYMPTH.
"TO LOOK AT JACK, A TRULY WRETCHED SIGHT, YOU WOULD NOT BELIEVE THERE WAS A DROP OF ROYAL BLOOD IN HIM.
NO ONE LIKES ME. LIFE IS SO UNFAIR...THIS MORNING AN ACORN FELL ON MY HEAD AND IT REALLY HURT...
"STILL, RULES ARE RULES AND A GREAT TOURNAMENT WAS CONVENED: THE MAIN CONTEST TO SEE WHO AMONG JACK AND THE OTHERS WOULD BE CROWNED ABSOLUTE MONARCH!
"THE FIRST EVENT WAS ARCHERY, AND JACK DID DECENTLY ENOUGH--"
MM...?

"THAT IS, UNTIL A PASSING BABY MOUNTAIN TROLL RAN OFF WITH HIS ARROW!
"SURELY JACK'S TERRIBLE LUCK WOULD NOT CONTINUE-- ESPECIALLY IN THE SWORD FIGHTING ROUND. FOR IN HIS POSSESSION WAS A MOST COLORFUL AND ORNATE SWORD DESIGNED TO DAZZLE HIS OPPOSITION.
"BUT AS IT TURNED OUT, JACK'S SWORD WAS SO MULTI-COLORED...
KRAKK
"...BECAUSE IT WAS MADE OF CANDY!
"FOR THE JOUSTING, JACK INSISTED ON A BRONCO--"
"--HE DID NOT CARE WHAT KIND.
"SO HE GOT A BRONCO, ALL RIGHT...
"...A BUCKING BRONCO!
"FOR JACK, THINGS HAD GONE FROM BAD TO CALAMITOUS, AS FOR HIS CLAIM TO THE CROWN--"
"--HE DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE.
"BUT THEN, JACK'S SHADOW DID A REMARKABLE THING-- IT SEPARATED FROM HIM!"
HEY, CHILL, PRINCE JACK... JUST LEAVE IT TO ME... YOUR PROBLEMS WILL SOON BE OVER...
EH?

"THE SHADOW SEEMED TRUE TO ITS WORD--FOR AS PRINCE HARRY TOOK CAREFUL AIM WITH HIS BOW...
NUDGE
WHAT THE--?
AIGHEEE!
"...AND WITH THIS ONE TERRIBLE MISHAP THE HOPES OF PRINCE HARRY DID TURN TO MIST!
"NEXT WAS PRINCE WILLIAM, WHO WAS EAGER TO MAKE QUICK WORK OF JACK, AND SO PROVE HIS SUPREME SWORDSMANSHIP!
YAHH!
HEH.
"NOW, ONLY PRINCE SIMON AND HIS JOUSTING PROWESS CAME BETWEEN JACK AND THE BIG PRIZE."
NEIGHH!
BOO!
"CAN'T BE MUCH OF A JOUSTER, THOUGH, WHEN YOUR HORSE IS AFRAID OF SHADOWS!
"AND SO, IN THE FACE OF SUCH RELENTLESS TRICKERY THERE COULD BE ONLY ONE WINNER--KING JACK!"
YES!

"IT WAS SUCH A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A CORONATION. THE SUN SHONE BRIGHT IN THE CLEAR SKY, AND JACK'S SHADOW TOOK ITS STRENGTH FROM THE SUNSHINE. SO THE SHADOW GREW AND SWORE--
"BUT THE SHADOW, HAVING BEEN SHUNNED BY A TERRIBLY UNGRATEFUL AND DISRESPECTFUL JACK, WAS LEFT TO WATCH THE CORONATION FROM THE SIDELINES.
LIFE IS SO UNFAIR... I DO ALL THE HARD WORK...
"--IT WOULD HAVE ITS REVENGE!"
AH HA!
"THINKING THE GIANT SHADOW BELONGED TO A GIANT ADULT MOUNTAIN TROLL, JACK AND HIS GUESTS FLED IN TERROR.
RUN AWAY! RUN AWAY!
"LEAVING THE CROWN IN SHADOWY HANDS INDEED!"
YEE!
YAY!
LOOK AT THEM--APPLYING SUN BLOCK, EATING ICE CREAM, PLAYING BEACH BALL AND HAVING FUN.
ONE DAY I WILL FIND A WAY TO BLOT OUT THE SUN, BUT UNTIL THEN I'M OFF TO FIND SOMEPLACE COOLER!
POP
AKU REALLY HATES THE SUN, DOESN'T HE?
YEH, BUT HE LIKES IT BETTER THAN SAMURAI JACK!
the END

Send your letters today:

JOHNNY DC SAYS: LET THE MAIL BEGIN!

February may be the shortest month, but it's got the most awesome ending! Don't miss the monster series finale of BEN 10 ALIEN FORCE when Ben goes head-to-head against Vilgax in their final epic battle. It all comes down to this one episode, so tune in to Cartoon Network on Friday, Feb 26 at 8:30 pm. (Pssst – keep watching after the show to find out about Ben's newest adventure coming soon!)

DRAWING BY COLEMAN JOSEPH

Dear Johnny DC,

Why hasn't Ben's alien Goop been featured in the show lately? He is my favorite alien and probably the coolest alien in history! Also, what planet is he from? That question has been in my head from the first time I saw him.

Isaiah Beal
Dublin, Ohio

I hadn't noticed that Goop was being overlooked. Here at CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK, we try to share the love between the aliens as best we can. Goop's alien species evolved on Viscosia.
— Johnny DC

DRAWING BY ISAIAH BEAL

DRAWING BY JOHN MORENO

Dear Johnny DC,

CARTOON NETWORK BLOCK PARTY is my favorite comic book. I love the DEXTER'S LABORATORY stories and the CAMP LAZLO stories. I want you to make Fusion Fall stories with Ben 10, Dexter, Numbah Five, and a whole lot of Cartoon Network stars. Please! Fusion Fall Rules!!

Jason Wadsworth, age 8
West Palm Beach, Florida

I'm glad you enjoyed BLOCK PARTY. We put a lot of energy and enthusiasm into it, but you probably know by now that we stopped publishing it. I hope you're checking out ACTION PACK for BEN 10 and the other heroes you mentioned (and besides, your letter is in this issue)!
— Johnny DC

DRAWING BY JASON WADSWORTH

Dear Johnny DC,

I have a question. Will you please make Fusion Fall into a TV show with plenty of episodes?

P.S. What does "DC" mean?

Garret Stevens
Dallas, Georgia

I should explain that Fusion Fall is a video game that combines a wild assortment of Cartoon Network action heroes and funny characters in one big free-for-all. (Imagine – Gwen Tennyson meets Ed, Edd 'n' Eddy!) It's a perfect game, but there are no plans to make episodes or stories out of it. We prefer to let THE SECRET SATURDAYS and our other stars shine in their separate adventures.

The "DC" in DC Comics is no secret, but people ask about it a lot. It stands for Detective Comics, one of the first comic books we published (and it's still going strong, 70 years later)!
— Johnny D. Comics

"ECHO ECHO BY RYAN GLUCHOWSKI"

Write to Johnny DC!

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JOHNNY DC's DC IN DEMAND!

FOR A SHORT MONTH, FEBRUARY HAS PLENTY OF COOL COMICS!

SUPER FRIENDS #24
Mad Scientists go to a convention to share their latest inventions and plot against the Super Friends!

TINY TITANS #25
Special guest co-writer Geoff Johns brings Superboy to TINY TITANS! Plus colored rings and awesome things!

SCOOBY-DOO #153
A TV studio finds its halls terrorized by a phantom just as the Scooby Gang is set to appear as guests!

TINY TITANS VOL. 3: SIDEKICKIN' IT
There's nothing tiny about this collection of stories! Magic, birthday parties, super-speed races, and more!

CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK #46
Two Ben 10 Alien Force stories! Ben is kidnapped and Kevin's shady past comes back to haunt him!

LOONEY TUNES #183
The entire Philistine army lives in fear of Samson (Pepe Le Pew) and his mighty smell! And who is Delilah?

BATMAN: THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD #14
On Valentine's Day, Batman and Huntress team up to take down a would-be Super-Villain and his mad, love-struck scheme.

BILLY BATSON AND THE MAGIC OF SHAZAM #13
He's baaaaaaack! Billy and Mary run into none other than Theo Adam! Does he remember the magic word?

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